

Drug Policy Advisory Council Meeting
2nd Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Bldg.
February 9, 2012

Voting Council Members Present: Acting Chairman Dale Woolery, Cyndy Erickson, Kevin Frampton, Richard Doyle, Paul Stageberg, Vern Armstrong, David Lorenzen (phone), Jennifer Benson, Warren Hunsberger, Jane Larkin and Brian Vos.

Non-Voting Members Present: Stephan Arndt (phone), Col. Tom Staton and Shannon Pogones.

Guests: Kevin Winker, Dept. of Public Safety; Linda Kalin, Iowa Statewide Poison Control Center (phone); Mike Wenger, Employee and Family Resources.

Staff: Becky Swift and Becky Bell.

Welcome and introductions

Acting Chairman Woolery called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Council members and guests introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Paul Stageberg, seconded by Brian Vos, with the Council voting unanimously to approve the November 10, 2011 minutes as presented.

ODCP Update

Woolery announced that Director Mark Schouten accepted an appointment as the Director of Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Services effective in late December, so is no longer with ODCP. Mr. Woolery will serve as the Interim Director of ODCP.

ODCP issued a Prescription Drug Abuse Taskforce Report. Woolery said a copy was e-mailed to Council members in January. He said this is not a new issue but one that is going to require work with colleagues around this table and healthcare professionals engaging the private sector.

The Iowa Pseudoephedrine Tracking report was also e-mailed to Council members. This report shows the regrowth of the meth lab problem in Iowa. Meth labs are in their fourth year of increase since a low in 2007. Frampton said their biggest concern is the “one pot” method that is driving up the lab count. This method does not require any anhydrous, not as much pseudoephedrine and is manufactured in smaller quantities.

Swift reported on ODCP’s Drug Endangered Children (DEC) initiative. She said ODCP has contracted with Eric Nation and Jennifer Sleiter, certified DEC curriculum trainers, to provide trainings to law enforcement, DHS, medical providers and prosecutors around the State.

She also stated that the Iowa Statewide DEC Conference will be held on March 26 at the Prairie Meadows Events and Convention Center in Altoona, and that she is working with the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children on their National Conference, which will be held in Des Moines in October 2012.

Swift said ODCP may be issuing another round of DEC mini grants to be used for trainings. No new earmark funding will be available for 2012-2013.

Woolery said ODCP will be hosting a webinar on February 16 to kick off the 2013 Byrne-JAG grant application process. Applications are due April 2, 2012. There will be 22% less funding available to this year.

ODCP, with the assistance of the Department of Corrections, will be applying for a federal grant to enhance drug courts in the State of Iowa.

Legislative Updates

ODCP has three legislative proposals. Woolery said one of the proposals will expand and strengthen the law signed by the Governor last year to outlaw synthetic drugs. The law put into effect last year bans six synthetic cannabinoids and two synthetic cathinones by their compound names, as well as Salvia divinorum. The new proposal would expand the law as it currently stands with language from the federal law listing five different synthetic cannabinoid structural classes and approximately a dozen new compounds as well as approximately two dozen new synthetic cathinones.

Woolery said another component to that bill would allow the Pharmacy Board authority to take temporary emergency action related to new drugs that pose a significant public safety risk before the Legislature comes into session. The Legislature would have the entire session to either confirm that emergency action or not.

The second proposal, HF 183, proposes to remove all references to marijuana and THC from Schedule 2.

The third proposal adds the results of a validated risk assessment be available to Judges in their presentence investigations.

Swift noted that House File 396, which was re-introduced and would add language related to consumption to the possession law for underage drinkers is being discussed in committee. This bill would also add language "social host" language.

Woolery said ODCP is following SSB 3042, which would allow pharmacies and physicians to share prescription monitoring information with other states. Winker added that there is a bill dealing with confidentiality of records maintained by pharmacies. He is concerned that it might impact law enforcement access.

Armstrong said there are three bills requiring drug testing for those receiving public assistance.

Woolery stated that ODCP last year submitted legislation to expand the size of DPAC to add voting members from the Iowa Police Chiefs Association and the Alcoholic Beverages Division. This legislation did not pass. Based on advice from the current administration that they will not expand boards and commissions at this time, ODCP did not submit this proposal again. In the meantime, ODCP would still like representation by the IPCA and ABD at Council meetings.

Agency/Organization Updates

Stageberg said CJPJ has had a significant reduction in federal funding. He stated there will be new Enforcing Underage Drinking Law (EUDL) in FFY 2013; these funds are used for alcohol and tobacco compliance checks.

Larkin announced that the Risky Business Conference will be May 1, 2012, with the topic being social media and youth. She reported that she collected some raw data on synthetic drug use from YSS clients, and found that 70% of their inpatient youth have reported using it. Larkin said some of the convenient stores don't know what the products are so it is a matter of educating them as well as parents.

Discussion arose regarding the synthetic drugs.

COL Staton reported on several aspects of Counterdrug operations, including changing the name of the Drug Demand Reduction unit to Civil Operation and the movement of staff out of schools to more community coalition support; working with DNE to best place their Criminal Analysts; and training provided by MCTC.

Shannon Pogones is working on the ABD online alcohol server/seller training program, which will be released soon. The training, called I-PACT (Iowa Program for Alcohol Compliance Training), is free of charge to retailers and contains 8 different information modules ending with a 25 question quiz. If the individual passes they receive a certificate of completion. Employers can check on the I-PACT tool to see if an individual has taken the training.

Judge Doyle said Tom Bower, former Judge of First Judicial District, will be replacing him on the Council. Judge Bower has been instrumental implementing drug courts in his previous work so will bring a great deal of knowledge to the Council.

Erickson said that funding for the Iowa youth Survey was tied to the Safe and Drug Free Schools grant and since that is no longer in existence she has some concern about schools participating in the survey.

Synthetic Drug Presentation

Linda Kalin, R.N., Director of the Iowa Statewide Poison Control Center, conducted a synthetic drug presentation via the phone.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be May 10, 2012 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Wallace State Office Building.

Respectfully submitted,

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